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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE EQUIPPED

WITH ŁIGHT EMITTER AND IMAGE

PICKUP METHOD USING THE SAME

Art Unit : 2612

Examiner : Luong Trung Nguyen

## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed Technology Center 2000 January 2, 2004, the term for response to which has been extended by one month by Petition filed concurrently herewith to May 2, 2004 (Sunday).

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 13 and 14 are amended; and claims 3, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.